

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2020

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	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
<b>Total</b>	70,461,926	1,599,704	4,490,516	111,632
<b>New</b>	649,425	10,718	24,081	544

## Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
<b>Total</b>	359,888	350,549	6,048	3,291	499	10,378,732
<b>New</b>	139	202	12	-	-	29,142

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Regions with the highest new infections: Riyadh (44), Makkah (33), Eastern (16), Asir (14), Madinah (11), Tabuk (5), and Al Jouf (4).
- MOH urges everyone to get the vaccine even those who recovered from coronavirus.
- MOH launched awareness campaign for the Coronavirus vaccine. The vaccine will be applied in 3 stages. Initially it will be available in public sector free of charge, later it will also become available at private providers for a fee.
- WHO provides updated guidance on COVID-19 therapeutics, see link.
- WHO produces guide on developing a national deployment and vaccination Planning for COVID-19 vaccines, see link.
- WHO updated guidance on mask use in the context of COVID-19, see link.
- WHO produces a draft landscape of current COVID-19 candidate vaccines.

## IMPORTANT LINKS

- MoH COVID-19 updates: <https://twitter.com/saudimoh>
- WHO's COVID-19 global situation reports: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
- WHO's COVID-19 dashboard: <https://covid19.who.int/>
- MoH COVID-19 dashboard: <https://covid19.my.gov.sa/ar/Pages/default.aspx>
- WHO's COVID-19 Therapeutics: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/therapeutics-and-covid-19-living-guideline>
- WHO guide on developing a national deployment and vaccination Plan: [https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Vaccine\\_deployment-2020.1](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Vaccine_deployment-2020.1)
- WHO updated guidance on mask use in the context of COVID-19: [https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-\(2019-ncov\)-outbreak](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)-outbreak)
- Draft landscape of COVID-19 candidate vaccines: <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/draft-landscape-of-covid-19-candidate-vaccines>

## IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

### What is the COVID-19 Infodemic?

An infodemic is an overabundance of information, both online and offline. It includes deliberate attempts to disseminate wrong information to undermine the public health response and advance alternative agendas of groups or individuals. Mis- and disinformation can be harmful to people's physical and mental health; increase stigmatization; threaten precious health gains; and lead to poor observance of public health measures, thus reducing their effectiveness and endangering countries' ability to stop the pandemic.

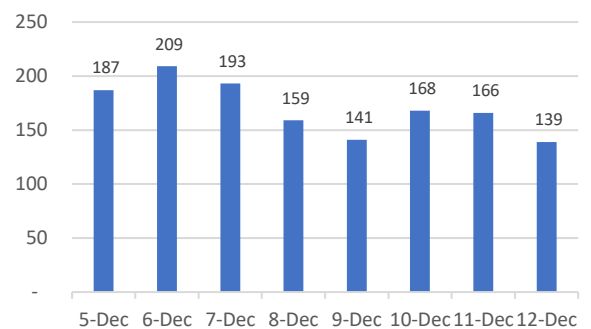
Misinformation costs lives. Without the appropriate trust and correct information, diagnostic tests go unused, immunization campaigns (or campaigns to promote effective vaccines) will not meet their targets, and the virus will continue to thrive.

Furthermore, disinformation is polarizing public debate on topics related to COVID-19.

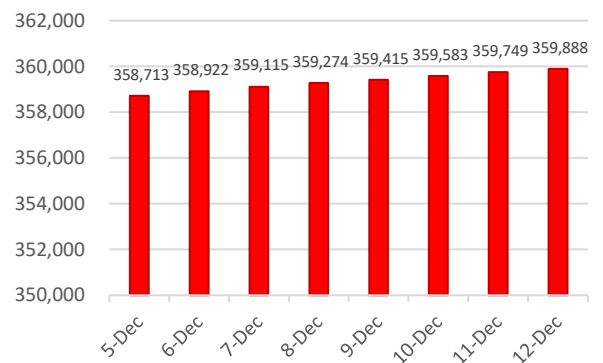
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Number of New Cases



Total Number of Cases



Number of New Deaths

